



AAUW Tarrant County Branch January Eblast

Come Join in our Activities!

- **LIT GROUP** – Mon, Jan 8, 7:30 pm, hosted by Joyce Beck, 4751 Grapevine. Kay Yount will review ***The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George. **RSVP** to jlsbeck@sbcglobal.net. All are welcome, whether you are a member of Lit Group or have read the book or not.
- **OUT TO LUNCH** – Wed, Jan 10, 11:30 am, **Malai Thai-Vietnamese Kitchen**, 5289 Monahans Ave, in **The Shops at Clearfork**. “Committed to sourcing quality ingredients and preparing as much as possible from scratch.” **RSVP** to Marla Parvey marvey318@aol.com or 817-886-2677 by **Mon, Jan 8**. <http://www.malaikitchen.com/>
- **MLK DAY OF SERVICE** – Mon, Jan 15, 8:30 am, Baker Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1050 E Humbolt St, FW 76104. Joining up with national celebrations, this 8th annual event sponsored by Tarrant Churches Together honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. People of all walks of life across Tarrant County come together to serve at more than 30 service sites. Some of you may have volunteered as part of this effort in the past and may want to get a group together on your own. Register at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eextith8123af22b&llr=hduuonsab>
- **ADELANTE! Book Club** – Mon, Jan 15, 10 am, hosted by Carolyn Lombard, 5713 Whitman. Bettye Boisselier will lead the discussion of ***Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy***, by Sheryl Sandberg. **RSVP** to tcaliga@gmail.com by Fri, Jan 12.
- **BRANCH DINNER EVENT** - Wed, Jan 17, 5:30 pm, at The Stayton on Museum Way. **Shellie McMillon**, Director of Community Engagement, Alliance for Children, “**Protecting Our Children from Abuse.**” Flyer attached to share with a friend. A dinner of gluten free Chicken & Rice Soup with sides and dessert will be provided by the board as a **FUNDRAISER**. Suggested minimum donation of \$12 to support AAUW TCB scholarships and other programs. (Other spring fundraisers have not been determined. There will be no auction at Times Ten Winery this year.) You may donate with cash or check at the door, or donate using this PayPal link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=NQDQLNCMQB3Q4. **RSVP** by Sunday, Jan 14 to tcaliga@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

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- Mon **Jan 15** **Community Service, MLK Day of Service**, register at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eextith8123af22b&llr=hduuonsab>
- Mon **Jan 15** **Adelante Book Club**, 10 am, Carolyn Lombard hosting, RSVP by Jan 12 to tcaliga@gmail.com
- Wed **Jan 17** **Fundraising Dinner Meeting & Program**, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, Green Room, RSVP by Jan 14 to tcaliga@gmail.com
- Wed **Apr 20-22** **AAUW Texas State Convention, Houston**

PUBLIC POLICY TEAM

The **TCB Public Policy Team** is responding to the recent survey in which members voted **Title IX** the issue of most interest. Sexual harassment, often labeled "street harassment" for grades 7-12, couldn't be a more timely topic. Not only is workplace harassment in the headlines every day, AAUW studies show nearly half of students in grades 7-12 face sexual harassment, 56 percent of girls and 40 percent of boys. Our Team is targeting Tarrant County schools for a pilot project aimed at middle school and high school students. We will provide practical and usable information to six district Title IX Coordinators, plus the school librarian and school counselor at each school.

This is our "**hot topic.**" Now we are requesting interested members to join our team and help reach young women who need to know what to say and do when unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, both verbal and non-verbal, happens at school or anywhere else. Help send our TCB message: **If it's unwanted, its harassment.**

Click [here](#) to see our TCB website Public Policy page for two articles about Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, her history of fighting sexual harassment in every form, and the possibility she may seek the Democratic nomination for President in the next election. Contact [Tricia Dietz](#) or [Susan Brinkley](#) to join a worthwhile project and a fun group.

ACTIVISM

- Be a Two-Minute Activist: Click [here](#) to tell Congress **We must protect the Dreamers and pass the Dream Act today!**
- **Call** your Congress Senator/Representative daily, or as often as possible, with your positions on legislation being considered.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Remember to use our Amazon "Smiles" fundraising for AAUW** (*fundraising when you shop online at Amazon*)

Whenever you make an Amazon purchase, you may easily make a contribution to AAUW Tarrant County, without any extra cost to you! Have your Amazon password ready before you start. Here is how to set up **Amazon Smile** and use it each time you shop:

1. **Start from this Link** - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1510954>.
2. This takes you directly to the Amazon Smile webpage with our charity filled in. Once there, enter your Amazon email and password. "Aauw Tarrant County Branch" should already be filled in as the charity. You can then proceed to shopping.

3. **Each time thereafter** when you shop on Amazon, you **must always start** at <https://smile.amazon.com> in order to support Aauw Tarrant County Branch.

- **Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program** (*super easy fundraising when you shop at Tom Thumb*)

Our branch earned **\$223** from Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor program last year. If you have not enrolled yet, click [here](#) to access the form and print a copy to submit the next time you shop at Tom Thumb. Use Charity # **5773** for our Tarrant County Branch AAUW.

AAUW TEXAS

- Click [here](#) to view the state newsletter – **University Women Texas Winter 2017 edition**
- **Save the date: 2018 AAUW Texas State Convention, Houston - April 20-22, 2018**

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